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1. RE PARA 9 REFTEL, WHILE REALIZING THAT POSTS WERE NOT ASKED TO PROVIDE DRAFT ARRIVAL STATEMENTS, IN VIEW OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING SECRETARY' S VISIT TO BA, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO INCORPORATE CERTAIN THOUGHTS IN ARRIVAL STATEMENT AND THEREFORE FORWARD FOLLOWING SUGGESTED TEXT IN ORDER TO INDICATE TONE WE BELIEVE WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

2. SUGGESTED TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE IT IS WITH VERY SPECIAL PLEASURE THAT I HAVE COME TO ARGENTINA. THE MOMENT IS CERTAINLY PROPITIOUS: THE EVE OF AN EVENT OF TRANSCENDENTAL IMPORTANCE, WHEN THE PEOPLE OF THIS WELL- ENDOWED COUNTRY PREPARE TO WRITE A NEW CHAPTER IN THEIR HISTORY, MARKING THEIR RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.

THE UNITED STATES APPLAUDS THE EMINENT POSITION OCCUPIED BY THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE AND THEIR GREAT COUNTRY, THEIR CONQUESTS IN THE SCIENCES, THEIR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS, THEIR INTELLECTUAL VIGOR. MY VISIT IS AN EARNEST OF THE HIGH REGARD AND CONSTANT FRIENDSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES FOR ITS BROTHER STATE OF ARGENTINA.

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SOME QUARTERS HAVE MISINTERPRETED PRESIDENT NIXON'S DECISION THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD PURSUE A LESS INTRUSIVE ROLE IN THIS HEMISPHERE. IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE SEEK TO DISENGAGE. ON THE CONTRARY, IT MEANS THAT WE WANT TO PLACE OUR ASSOCIATION WITH THE OTHER NATIONS OF THE AMERICAS ON A SOUND BASIS OF MATURE PARTNERSHIP, IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN OUR ASSOCIATION WITH THEM AND TO PERPETUATE IT.

WE ARE CONVINCED THAT DESPITE THE DIFFERENCES OF PERSPECTIVE THAT SOMETIMES ARISE IN ANY COMMUNITY OF SOVEREIGN STATES, OUR COMMON INTERESTS ARE OVERRIDING AND BRING US EVER CLOSER TOGETHER. WE SEEK AN ASSOCIATION BASED ON TRUST, CONFIDENCE AND EQUALITY. AT THE SAME TIME THESE INTERESTS REQUIRE US TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE, AND TO RECOGNIZE THAT MANY OF THE CHALLENGES BEFORE US CAN BE OVERCOME SUCCESSFULLY ONLY IN CONCERT WITH THE WORLD COMMUNITY. IN THAT COMMUNITY THE AMERICAN STATES CAN PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN KEEPING WITH THE NOBLE TRADITIONS OF OUR HEMISPHERE.

I BRING YOU GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT NIXON AND I AM DELIGHTED AND HONORED TO BE HIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AT PRESIDENT CAMPORA'S INAUGURATION. UNQUOTE.
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